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Gen. Hoysradt's Defeat May Lead to a Republican Bolt.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE WORLD.]

POTOMACKEEPSIE, May 9.—The Republican Convention for this Congressional District to select delegates to the Chicago Convention concluded its labors on Saturday, electing "Obe Wheeler," of Dutchess, and the somewhat famous New Paltz, of Columbia, as delegates.

And thereby they have made that may not prove a pleasant reminiscence in the future to some of the so-called statesmen and leaders in this locality.

The district consists of Columbia, Dutchess,

In Putnam county, now represented by John H. Ketcham in Congress. He has represented the district for twenty years—some say misrepresented it—having been defeated but once, in the famous Wytheville election, when he was defeated by a man who had to flow hauled like water on election day.

In the party usages of the district, Dutchess County takes the Congressional nomination, Columbia County the Senatorial nominee. In the selection of delegates to a National Convention customarily goes to Dutchess County, and one to Columbia County. Poor little Putnam County is left out in the cold. Her part is to furnish a round Republican majority on election day. John Ketcham is the Dutchess flock. Ex-Master Law is the Columbia bird. The latter has led the way, brought on the fight that has had less to do with the election than with the party, and has terminated at any and all hazards, not so much to go to Cincinnati, as to assert leadership and suppress dissent. He has been a leader in the party record, an old soldier and an esteemed and respected man. He has been a leader in the party record. Last fall, fully aware of the party record, he was defeated by a man, Haysradt, who was a member of the party to run for his second

in the State Senate. His family and business interests, it was claimed, would not permit it. Gen. Hovavadt entered this contest to show

He did not fear, in a square fight, to meet the Payne issue. He did it successfully so far as his county was concerned and came to Poughkeepsie with a majority of the Columbia delegation at his back, and should have been chosen in accordance with usage. Here's where the "music in the air" comes in for the future, and the wedge has been entered, so say the knowing ones, to break the power of the present bosses and either purify the Republican

Some few years since Mr. Wheeler, a most popular Republican, who spends his money and works freely for his party, was induced to come forward as a candidate for Congress, on the ground that Ketcham declared his unwillingness longer to be a candidate and his convictions that fairness and

give way to a successor. When Wheeler was fairly in the ring and Ketcham found no strong opponent likely to be named by the Democracy (no other Whitehouse), he re-entered the field and knocked Wheeler out. Since then Wheeler has abstained, in a way that indicated feeling, from party gatherings. To restore good feeling, Wheeler was asked to go to Chicago. Ketcham had agreed and promised that he would keep away and hands off this

through the patronage he has skillfully cornered and distributed throughout the district. As soon as Ketcham found Wheeler in the field, he suddenly appeared from Washington to interfere and break up the slate, but it was too late. Wheeler's popularity and strength had given him such a hold that even Ketcham couldn't, with all his power, upset him and he reluctantly abandoned it, but not so with regard to Hoagsrod. Ketcham, in violation of his promise to abstain and his duty to himself and

commenced work vigorously, wrote to every district in Dutchess County and commanded his supporters and menials, who were beholden to him for patronage and campaign funds, to send delegates to Poughkeepsie to uphold Boss Platt. Many delegates professed to understand the situation and the will of the majority of Columbia County Republicans was defeated by Dutchess delegates in performing the "Painful duty called for by Keitcham. They did it as promised and pledged, but many of them with sorrowing faces and

To the request that Columbia County should send a delegate to the convention, Payn would not consent, as Hoysradt held the majority. The selection was left to the convention, and Eckhardt, men, in obedience to orders, gave it to Payn. Whether was, of course, unanimously elected. Fish, not able to take Putnam away from his almost unanimous desire to support Hoysradt, whose strength is great in Putnam, held the Putnam delegate to McKee under Boss Platt's

The convention was handicapped from the beginning by Payn's tricks against Hoyerstadt's honest strength in his own county and elsewhere; John Ketchum on hand at every turn whispering in the ears of delegates; Hunter and his gang of "Poughkeepsie deep in under Payn's order; "Poughkeepsie Platt" (John J.), the bridge man in the

The mutterings from the honest, clean Republican delegates, when the whole situation became apparent, were deep and strong enough to reach the ears of the deafness of Keichan, who strongly objected to expressions that he had signed, and he held up his hands in horror and protest against such words and asked his friends to suppress such remarks, but they go on, and the question now is freely mooted by many, shall we send "Obey Weier, of Ohio, or Mr. Clapp, of Kansas, or a member of Columbia, or the other members of Congress, or shall we defeat John Keichan and

There's "Music in the Air." The Grand Army men are indignant at Roystrad's treatment and wonder how they may bring the District into line next fall as the Democratic Congressional District. Who knows?

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**Virginia Dreher a Bride.**  
(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)  
CHICAGO, May 8.—The long-expected wedding of Virginia Dreher, the actress, formerly of Augustin Daly's company, took place to-day at the Second Presbyterian Church. It was very quiet.

Witnessed the ceremony. George Francis Postlewait is the full name of the husband. He is a wealthy Londoner, young, good-looking and well-dressed. He is a native of Connecticut and carried a bunch of violets. She was married under her maiden name, Jenny Cummings. Mr. and Mrs. Postlewait are now in New York. Postlewait will sail for Europe next week. The will live at Mr. Postlewait's home in London.

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**Four of the Oldest Died the Same Day.**  
SPECIAL FOR THE WORLD.

DEERY, Conn., May 9.—On Monday morning four of the oldest women in town died suddenly. At 10.30 p. M. Mary L. Coe died suddenly, in her

Elizabeth Harlow dropped dead on the kitchen floor, of apoplexy, on her eighteenth birthday. Mrs. Edwin A. Baldwin, aged seventy-two, fell from a chair, and died, on the same day, of a heart daughter, and in the afternoon Mrs. Harriet Skinner, aged seventy-five, died very suddenly.

**The President's Next Trip.**  
[From the *Baltimore American*.]

Mr. Cleveland is girding up his loins for a little swing around the circle. He has on all occasions of these friendly visits to the various sections of the country been met with the most hearty and warm receptions given him and Mrs. Cleveland everywhere, and he is anxious once more for the pleasurable excitement of the welcoming and the demonstrations, the brass bands and the militia parades.

Here now preparing to depart for the midnight oil in careful preparation of impromptu replies and clever bon mots, the president, with the aid of the stout soldier, and through the clever scheming of some very useful friends, he has secured an invitation to the annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce of Brooklyn and he has consented to accept it. This move may aid in wiping out whatever unpleasant impression he has made by his first dinner with the city fathers. Then another trip during the summer will be to a celebration by the F-F-nch Canadians in the city of Quebec, and then to the Fair of the Stamp-plate, and still later we will rival Gov. Hill as the dominant patron of the County Fair at the city of the North. The president will also be the chief celebration of the Northwest Territory, July 4, and of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the President, August 15, 1869.

It is needless to add that Mrs. Cleveland will accompany the President.

**Taking a Great Risk.**

The Methodist ministers have finally decided to let women out of their Conference. When the girls hear of this there will be a marked falling in preference of embroidered slippers to the average Methodist minister, and the "donation party" cake and pie will be something amply tempting. They hold the whip-handle after all.

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**Where It Counts.**  
[From the New Orleans Picayune.]  
A large part of the United States lies outside of New York City. —[Indianapolis Journal. Yes, of course; but a large part of the election for President will be decided in New York City.]